

Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A method for controlling scanning devices using control sheets, comprising the method comprising:

starting an imaging job having multiple sheets, wherein at least one sheet is a control sheet containing only a control image;

locating a the control image on the control sheet within said imaging job, wherein the control sheet could be located ~~anywhere within the imaging job~~ in a position other than that of a cover sheet;

processing control instructions from said control image; and  
creating output in accordance with said control instructions.

2. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said imaging job is an image acquisition task.

3. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said imaging job is an image production task.

4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said control image is in machine-readable format.

5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said control image is text.

6. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said control image is numbers.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said method includes locating a second control image on a second control sheet containing only the control image for the imaging job and processing the second control image.

8. (currently amended) A method for controlling imaging devices using control sheets, the method comprising:

starting an imaging job having multiple sheets, wherein at least one sheet is a control sheet containing only control information;

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 locating a control image on the control sheet within said imaging job, wherein the control sheet could be located ~~anywhere within the imaging job~~ in a position other than that of a cover sheet;

creating output for said imaging job; and

processing control instructions from said control image and using said control instructions for managing said output.

9. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein said imaging job is an image acquisition task.

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 11. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein said imaging job is an image production task.

12. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein said control image is in machine-readable format.

13. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein said control image is text.

14. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein said control image is numbers.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 8 wherein said method includes locating a second control image on a second control sheet for the imaging job and processing said second control image.